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On The World Watch List

**“Jesus is my inspiration. He worked for the people. I want to do the same too.”**

– Mariam, a believer from Bangladesh.

Score: 67 / 100

Very High

Violence:		63%
Church Life:		60%
National Life:		68%
Community Life:		78%
Family Life:		62%
Private Life:		70%

Region:	Asia
Leader:	Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
Persecution Level:	Very High
Christian Population:	903,000 (0.5%)
Main Religion:	Islam
Source of Persecution:	Dictatorial Paranoia

## Persecution Within Society

Christians in Bangladesh face intense pressure in their community and private life. Bangladeshi society is becoming more Islamic, and Muslim values heavily influence government decisions. Islamic extremists in the country pressure all groups of Christians.

Evangelistic churches who work among the Muslim majority face the most persecution, but even historical churches are increasingly faced with attacks and death threats.

## Faith Compounded By Ethnicity

Converts from a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or ethnic backgrounds suffer the most severe restrictions, discrimination and attacks in Bangladesh. They often gather in small house churches or secret groups due to fear of attack.

In the last three years, more than 700,000 Rohingya refugees have relocated to Bangladesh from Myanmar. The camp fosters a tiny minority of Rohingya Christians, who face intense pressure with no option to leave.

## How can we pray for Bangladesh?

Pray that Christians will be equipped as lifelong disciples of Jesus.

Pray for the small group of Rohingya Christians as they seek to follow Jesus in refugee camps.

Pray that Christian converts will follow Jesus with courage and wisdom.

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